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--Description of the Related Art--.

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a diagram depicting a syringe arrangement in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 2 is a diagram depicting the mixing of a sample with reagents in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 3 is a diagram depicting the binding of released nucleic acid to an inner wall of a capillary in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 4 is a diagram depicting a washing step in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 5 is a diagram depicting a drying step in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 6 is a diagram depicting the uptake of a master mix in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention.